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**Amendment & Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

This paper is in response to the Office Communication mailed October 16, 2008 (herein "Office Action"). The Applicants respectfully request entry into the record and consideration of this amendment and response. This amendment and response is timely filed with a petition for a 3-month extension of time and payment of the appropriate fee. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response or as otherwise required for this application during its pendency to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.